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SUBJECT: EC MAY INCREASE PROTECTION ON PARBOILED RICE

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 7750, 10/4/74; (B) EC BRUSSELS 8077, 10/17/74

1. FRENCH AND ITALIAN RICE GROUPS HAVE RENEWED THEIR EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE PROTECTION ON IMPORTED PARBOILED RICE. THEIR LATEST REQUEST WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE NATIONAL EXPERTS WHO FORM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BUT NOT ACTING IN THEIR CAPACITY AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THE EXPERT'S OPINION WILL THEN BE RAISED AT THE MAY 14 MEETING OF THE SPECIAL RICE SECTION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CEREALS.

2. OUR SOURCE, WHO REPRESENTS THE COMMISSION IN THE MANGEMENT COMMITTEE, WAS RELUCTANT TO COMMENT ON THE OUTCOME OF THESE DISCUSSIONS BUT STATED THAT THE GROUPS WILL CONSIDER THE ITALIAN CLAIM THAT SINCE THE YIELD FOR MILLING PARBOILED HUSKED RICE IS HIGHER THAN THAT FOR NORMAL HUSKED RICE, THE VARIABLE LEVY ON PARBOILED RICE SHOULD BE HIGHER. ITALY ALSO CLAIMS THAT EUROPEAN PRODUCERS CANNOT AFFORD TO COMPETE WITH THE LEVEL OF ADVERTISING ENGAGED IN BY IMPORTED PARBOILED

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RICE GROUPS. OUR SOURCE WILL RECOMMEND AGAINST INCREASING TH

PROTECTION ON PARBOILED RICE, BUT THE ISSUE WILL BE SETTLED
BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN PRODUCERS ON THE ONE HAND AND
THE GERMAN AND DUTCH MILLERS ON THE OTHER. SHOULD THE COMMISSION,
ON THE BASIS OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, DECIDE THAT PROTECTION SHOULD
BE INCREASED ON PARBOILED RICE, WHETHER BY
MEANS OF A RECLASSIFICATION
TO A PROCESSED FOOD AS DISCUSSED REFTELS OR A HIGHER VARIABLE
LEVY BASED ON MILLING YIELDS, THE COMMISSION WOULD HAVE TO MAKE
A FORMAL PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL FOR ITS APPROVAL BEFORE SUCH
MEASURES COULD BE IMPLEMENTED. GREENWALD

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